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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



### *A Hunger never satisfied!*

Bread and fish shared - a banquet for hungry bodies! But there is another hunger - the hunger for meaning and purpose, the hunger for liberating knowledge and for healing love - and above all the Hunger for God! Jesus meets all these hungers, but as He does He engenders within us an ever deeper hunger.

The more we feast on the Eucharist - the more we hunger after the Eucharist. The more we 'taste and see that the Lord is good', the more we yearn and hunger to taste more, to go deeper, and devour love! Indeed Jesus meets our hunger - and makes us more hungry!

Let us also 'hunger' to meet the needs of our sisters and brothers, to be come bread in God's hands, feeding the poor and healing the sick and bringing the reign of God's justice and love upon the Earth.

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS at 10am  
Mass lived-streamed on Facebook at 12.30pm

**MONDAY:** No Reflection today  
Adoration at 5.30pm Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

**TUESDAY:** *Feast of St Jean Marie Vianney, Priest & Patron of parish priests (1786-1859)*  
Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am  
Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

**WEDNESDAY:** *Feast of the Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major (Our Lady of the Snows)*  
Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am  
Adoration at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm

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**THURSDAY:** ***FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (Hiroshima Day)***  
**Mass for Peace live-streamed on Facebook at 10.30am**  
***Adoration at 5.30pm. Mass for Peace and Disarmament at 6.00pm***

**FRIDAY:** **Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.00am (NB change of time)**  
**Requiem Mass for Mikhail Hanid RIP at 11.30am**  
***Adoration at 5.30pm. Mass at 6.00pm***

**SATURDAY:** ***Feast of St Dominic, priest founder of Order of Preachers (Dominicans)***  
***Adoration at 11.00am. Mass at 12 noon***  
**Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 6.00pm**  
***Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4.30pm - 5.00pm***

**TODAY** [1] The **Eighteenth Sunday of the Year** celebrates Jesus, God's compassion for the hungry crowds of the world. Wanting time to grieve John the Baptist's death at the hands of Herod, he puts aside his and their need to feed the crowd with Bread of the Word and Bread for their physical hunger. In a world filled with so many of our sisters and brothers hungry for food, for medicine, for homes, for a place of belonging, we cannot break the Bread of the Word or the Bread of the Eucharist if we are not also breaking bread to feed the hungry and to liberate the poor and the oppressed. We must not 'send them away', but rather 'give them something to eat yourselves!' We have no right to celebrate the Mass if we are not feeding the poor with food and hope of liberation!

[2] **Robert and Mary** will speak to the community today at Mass concerning the urgent need for more and appropriate volunteers for both Mass stewards (during Covid restrictions) and the Food Bank Ministry.

[3] Because so many are still not able to attend Mass, there is an **extra Mass at 12.30pm live-streamed on FaceBook** from the Presbytery prayer room. ***The internet has brought us a wider family, a more dispersed community: how can we more effectively connect with them and associate them with the life, work and mission of our parish community?*** Installing the infrastructure to live-stream Mass and talks etc is now a priority for both Mission and Pastoral Care. Thank you for your support for this developing ministry.

**NEXT SUNDAY** [1] On the **Nineteenth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus, our Emmanuel, God always with us, walking with us through every storm of life. He is the source of our courage if only we keep our eyes fixed upon Him, trust His call in our lives and fear not to 'launch our over the deep' knowing his hand will always be there raising us up.

[2] Because so many are still not able to attend Mass, there is an **extra Mass at 12.30pm live-streamed on FaceBook** from the Presbytery prayer room, which will continue until we have the infrastructure to live-stream from the Church (which we expect within 4-6 weeks).

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Dunstan, Somerton, St Joseph, Langport, Holy Ghost, Yeovil with St Michael, South Petherton, served by Fr Jan Bak SDS, Fr Jean-Patrice Coulon MSFS, Fr Jose Maliekal MSFS, Parish Administrator Sue Chant and all their communities.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** This week, pray God's Blessing upon the ministry of our **Journey of Faith Group**. We accompany those adults and young people seeking Baptism, Reception into the Catholic Church and Catholic adults not yet been Confirmed in the Holy Spirit. A Faith-Sharing Group, it also helps all who wish to think about their faith more deeply and also those who perhaps have not 'practised' their faith for some time and wish to 'come home' and experience a renewal of faith. Please pray for those who facilitate the group and all who participate, remembering especially those whose Baptism, Reception, Confirmation have been delayed because of the Covid 19 restrictions.

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**WORD OF GOD FOR EIGHTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Sunday</b>	Isaiah 55: 1-32 / Psalm 144 / Romans 8: 35, 37-39 / Matthew 14: 13-21
<b>Monday</b>	Jeremiah 28: 1-17 / Psalm 118 / Matthew 14: 22-36
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jeremiah 30: 1-2, 12-15, 18-22 / Psalm 101 / Matthew 15: 1-2, 10-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jeremiah 31: 1-7 / Responsorial Jeremiah 31 / Matthew 15: 21-28
<b>Thursday</b>	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 / Psalm 96 / 2 Peter 1: 16-19 / Matthew 17: 1-9
<b>Friday</b>	Nathan 2: 1, 3, 3: 1-3, 6-7 / Responsorial Deuteronomy 32 / Matthew 16: 24-28
<b>Saturday</b>	Hebrew 1: 12-2: 4 / Psalm 49 / Matthew 17: 14-20

**COLLECTION LAST WEEK**

Env £363.00 + Loose £181.00 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £634.58 - Thank you!

CAFOD £8.00 Caritas/FoodBank £250.00 Live-streaming £60.00

**WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE STANDING ORDERS IN FAVOUR OF THE PARISH OR MADE OTHER DONATIONS TO THE PARISH (eg Foodbank, the Caritas Fund, towards the cost of live-streaming) - thank you for your generosity. Our Caritas Fund is supporting so many people as those unemployed are increasing at this time.**

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

6th Aug	<b>Feast of the Transfiguration</b> - Hiroshima Day of Prayer for Peace
6th Aug	Bristol Church Leaders Meeting on zoom
8th Aug	Feast of St Edith Stein, Carmelite nun, Martyr of Auswicz
8th Aug	Training Stewards for Zimbabwean Mass at 1.00pm
14th Aug	Feast of St Maximilian Kolbe, Franciscan priest, Martyr of Auswicz
15th Aug	Zimbabwean Mass at 1.30pm
16th Aug	<b>Feast of the Assumption of Mary</b>
16th Aug	Mass with LGBTQ+ community resumes at 3.00pm
9th Sept	Bristol City of Sanctuary AGM
10th Sept	Zoom meeting of Diocesan Safeguarding Commission
13th Sept	<b>Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino</b>

**TRACK AND TRACE MEASURES FOR ALL ATTENDING MASS** Thank you for co-operating with the 'track and trace' procedures introduced last Sunday, to limit infection should anyone attending Mass prove positive for Covid-19. It is very simple. One member from each family group and each individual not in a family group will be asked to fill in a simple form with their name and contact telephone number: this information will be strictly confidential and used for no other purpose other than in the event of someone testing positive for Covid-19. All forms will be placed each Sunday in an envelope which will be sealed and dated and after three weeks destroyed - it will only be opened and used (again confidentiality) should one of our community be tested positive, in which case it will be given to those responsible to Track and Trace. This measure is to do all we can to limit the spread of this potentially fatal virus. **Thank you for your co-operation.**

**REPORT OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** Despite the challenges of 'meeting' on Zoom, we had a very practical and useful PPC meeting which made a number of decisions:

- [1] Safe resumption of Zimbabwean and LGBTQ+ monthly Masses from August 2020. Any Sunday 3.00pm masses will use only the chairs currently used for daily Mass, in the interests of safe hygiene requirements.
- [2] Discussions with parents concerning celebrating Baptisms, and 2020 First Reconciliation and First Eucharist celebrations to be held before Christmas (no social gatherings), with limitations on numbers of guests etc
- [3] Journey of Faith group can resume as safety measures are possible

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[4] **Urgent need** to recruit more Stewards for Sunday Masses and more volunteers to support the Mission of the Food Bank

[5] When live-streaming infrastructure in place in the church we will need four volunteers to undergo training to operate the system on a rota basis.

[6] It is not safe to lend or hire out parish chairs and tables for events and we cannot be seen to encourage or facilitate social gatherings at this time (especially with recent news).

[7] Sadly House Communion to the vulnerable who have been shielding is not yet safe: where a member of the 'family bubble' is a Lay Minister they may administer House Communion within their family; in some circumstances we can temporarily commission Lay Ministers from other 'family bubbles' to minister Communion within their 'family bubble'. Please contact Fr Richard.

[8] Celebration of our Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino is postponed from September until we can properly celebrate the Feast. We will however make blessed St Nicholas Bread available on Sunday 13th September.

[9] Numbers at Sunday Mass are (thankfully) increasing: from this Sunday we will open the side rooms to the church worship area. If numbers returning to Mass exceed our safe capacity, **we will consider and consult about a second Sunday Mass** - likely to be on Saturday at 5.30pm. But we need to know whether this will be supported. It is not possible to observe all the hygiene requirements for a 3pm Mass if the normal seating is required.

[10] The important 're-thinking the future' discussions (response to 'Black Lives Matter'; Caring for Creation; Women and Church Leadership) will be discussed at a PPC special meeting in the near future and with more open meeting discussion as soon as safely possible.

**FOODBANK NEWS!** You can now see in the forecourt of the church the 'container' which will house the FoodBank. There is something very fitting that it stands in front of the church, we all pass it when coming to Mass. It may not be beautiful, but it is very symbolic of our mission and how we live Eucharist outside the church building! It arrived on Friday - it will take a few days to fully install and equip as well as adapting fencing, equipping internally with extra fridges and freezers, shelving etc. re-siting the bicycle racks and the refuse bins - all of which will cost money! *We hesitate to ask for more support, but we do need to ask for help in raising a further £2000 to carry out the necessary 'works' to enable the FoodBank to continue serving impoverished families and individuals. This is part of our parish's 'Covenant with the Poor', inspired by the Gospel & St Nicholas of Tolentino.*

### **THOUGHT FOR THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION:**

#### ***Transfigured by Love - Light in our Darkness***

On the stillness of the mountain, in the solitude of God, there is community - the community of the disciples overwhelmed by the experience of Love's glory; the community of the Prophets, Moses, Elijah and Jesus talking of Love's Victory over Law that will be the Cross that lies ahead; and the Community above all Communities - the Father who speaks, the Son who hears and witnesses and the Spirit who overshadows with empowering stillness.

Three interlocking communities, all with the same aim and objective: that Love should transfigure the world. Into the silence the Word of Love is spoken ('my beloved son'); into the darkness of the cloud light shines forth with Love's blazing brightness; into the loneliness of the mountainside, loving community is celebrated and glimpsed - and love breaks forever loneliness. Only Love truly transfigures, only Love will heal the world that is broken, divided, unjust and at war. Do we have the courage to love another as He loves us. Real community will bring miracles of Transfiguration to our cold, dark, loveless world!

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**REFLECTING TOGETHER ON THE FUTURE** [1] A number of us have been sharing that we need opportunities to 'unpack' the experience of the Covid-19 lockdown so as to recognise what God might be saying to us through this experience and to learn from it. In this sharing we can also receive healing of the wounds this experience might well have inflicted upon us and our families and loved ones. [2] Also some have shared that we need to come together to reflect more deeply upon the Black Lives Matter Movement and how we should respond.

I support these suggestions and we will discuss with our Parish Pastoral Council at the earliest appropriate moment how we might engage in this 'deeper thinking' so that it becomes a 'rethinking of the future'. I and the PPC welcome your ideas and suggestions.

**THANK YOU - ALL WHO HAVE RETURNED TO SUNDAY MASS IN CHURCH**

Last Sunday about 65 people came to Mass - thank you! We think we can safely accommodate 100. I realise there are still many fears and concerns but I do hope more of us will be assured enough to resume coming to Mass. It is great to see you and we have all missed one another! And yes the Mass is so different, with no singing and no gathering afterwards in the Hall, but we are still being fed from the Table of the Word, the Table of the Eucharist and by each other's presence!

[1] We observe 1 mtr+ safe distancing WITH THE COMPULSORY WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS (provided at the door where necessary). Family groups sit together with 1 mtr+ gap between adjacent family groups or individuals. We can welcome 100 people.

[2] Everyone (except the presiding priest and the three assisting servers on the sanctuary) MUST WEAR FACE COVERINGS. If you do not have one, it will be supplied to you.

[3] Stewards at the entrance to the church who will guide family groups and individuals to a designated seating space. You may not be able to sit where you normally do.

[4] Stewards will also guide you to and from Holy Communion, observing the 1 mtr+ spacing while queuing for Communion, to be received only in the hand and under One Kind.

[5] Stewards will also guide you at the end of Mass to exit the church safely. Do not re-enter the church after leaving. When greeting one another outside the church please be aware of others exiting and the need to observe safe distancing on Church premises.

[6] There is no singing at this time, as singing projects droplets twice the distance.

[7] Sadly Children Liturgy is not possible to offer with safe distancing.

[8] There is no Offertory Procession, so please leave your offerings in the baskets at the door, either on the way in or on the way out - thank you. Also leave goods for the Food Bank in the porch and they will be taken to the Food Bank at the earliest opportunity.

[9] Only the priest, 3 altar servers and sacristans are allowed into the Sacristy before and after Mass - again because of the requirement for safe distancing.

[10] Please collect your box of Offertory envelopes from Robert at the door when leaving.

[11] Everyone needs to sanitise their hands on entering and exiting the church.

[12] We will have to remain in our places for the non-contact sign of peace.

[13] There is one toilet only available - the disabled access toilet in the parish hall, which includes a baby changing unit. A steward will guide you and will also cleanse the toilet after each person has used it. Children must be accompanied to the toilet by a responsible adult.

[14] The Lady Chapel is not in use, because safe distancing/ventilation is not possible.

[15] **We need suitable volunteers for stewarding (4 each Sunday), for deep cleaning the Church on Friday mornings and after Sunday Mass. Please contact the Parish Office 01179090419 to volunteer - thank you).**

**Sunday Mass at 10.00am, with the church open from 9.15am and doors locked at 10.00am as Mass begins.** All Masses will be celebrated at the main altar and be live-streamed as soon as possible. The cost of this will £3000. We have received donations of £1600 - thank you for helping us establish this new form of mission and ministry.

Your Parish Pastoral Council will keep these measures under constant review. Thank you to all volunteers enabling us to gather for Mass safely *Shalom! Richard*

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